

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Lake Hood Elementary School Technology Grant

State Funding Requested: \$ 24,000**House District: 26 - M**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This grant would provide a lap top computer for every teacher at Lake Hood Elementary.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$24,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This request is an education priority. Providing a laptop computer for teachers at Lake Hood Elementary will allow their desk top computers to be used by the students. Having one additional computer per classroom will allow increased computer access for students. Elementary aged children need computer skills to be productive as they move to the middle and high school levels and beyond. Providing Lake Hood teachers with laptops will allow them to work from throughout the building, from home and while attending school district trainings. This will be a benefit due to the fact teacher's can use their computers to communicate with parents, prepare lessons and keep grade records.

Project Timeline:

Computers will be purchased for the 2008/09 school year.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Dear Alaskan Legislator:

Re: Laptop Computers and Classroom Library Collections

Please support \$24,000 in the capital budget to fund 20 laptop computers for teachers and \$7,000 for 20 classroom library collections at Lake Hood Elementary School. The purchase of laptop computers would allow the desktop computers to be utilized by the students. Laptops would permit the teachers to work in places throughout the building, at home and at various trainings. Teachers use their computers to communicate with parents, present lessons, write lesson plans, store student grades, etc.

Individual teachers have purchased most of Lake Hood's classroom libraries. Teachers use bonus points from book orders to help build their libraries. During book fairs parents purchase their favorite books and donate them to their child's classroom. Each classroom has book buddies. (Weekly an intermediate class will read with a primary class.) Our school participates in the Accelerated Reader Program and has quarterly celebrations for the number of books that have been read. Recently Lake Hood teachers, PTA, parents, community members had a McRead Night to fundraise money for our library. Lake Hood's teaching staff and administration, Parent-Teacher Association has collaboratively identified technology as the #1 need for Lake Hood.

Please support this funding for education technology and classroom libraries for Lake Hood staff and students.

Sincerely yours,

Bonnie Whitney
Principal

Re: Laptop Computers and Classroom Library Collections

- Lake Hood's 20 classroom teachers have 10 working laptop computers that were purchased six years ago.
- Lake Hood's PTA does fundraising to purchase technology that is used by students.
 - 2007-08 PTA Allocation for Technology is \$10,000.00 (iLife site license, software, 2 projectors, 4 laser printers, Rosetta Stone, Tumble Books)
- PTA has purchased such programs as Tumble Books (which can be used in the child's home), Rosetta Stone (to support rapid language acquisition), Accelerated Reader software, projectors
- Teachers have written grants to help support technology at Lake Hood.
- Lake Hood teachers donate many hours to support students, parents and their community.
- Teachers would be able to maintain their websites from home and communicate with parents.
- 17 teachers participated in the United Streaming Training (great for reading and math groups, bilingual and special education students, kindergarten – sixth grade)
- Staff members share their technology expertise with colleagues throughout the year (during staff meetings, before and after school and on weekends)
- The effective classroom library has at least 300 titles in a variety of genres
 - 8-15 books per student
 - 30-50% published in the last 10 years
 - 1 new book per year per student
 - 40-60% non fiction
 - a minimum of 5% references
 - a wide range of reading levels (2 to 3 years above and below grade level)
 - multicultural books and text sets
 - multi copies of popular titles
- Teachers use bonus points from book orders to build classroom libraries.
- During the fall and spring conferences Lake Hood holds a Book Fair. Many parents will purchase a book to donate in their child's name to their child's classroom library.
- Lake Hood teachers, staff and PTA held a fundraiser (McRead Night) at local McDonalds to raise money for the library. (Supports literacy for our Lake Hood students, families and our library!)
- Quarterly school wide celebrations are held for the number of Accelerated Reader points obtained by classrooms throughout the quarter.
- Each child is encouraged to have book bag of books to read at their level.
- Primary and Intermediate classes team up for weekly Reading Buddy sessions.
- One of our business partners sends two of their employees to read for an hour on Friday afternoons.
- Senior citizens volunteer to read to classes on a regular basis.
- Volunteers copy reproducible books that are sent home with primary students.

- Lake Hood Librarian has organized a Lunch Recess Reader program, which is highly attended.